

## SENATE CONFIRMATIONS.

Alfred Cone, to be Collector of Revenue for Bradford county.

Samuel Reddick, to be Commissioner of Pilotage at Cedar Keys.

R. A. Shine, to be Assessor of Revenue, Leon county.

Columbus Drew, to be Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Roger McKinne, to be Assessor of Revenue, Lafayette county.

## REMOVALS.

Seth Sterns, from the office of Assessor of Revenue of Lafayette county.

MONDAY, January 15, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—14.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with, and the Journal was approved as amended.

A message was received from the Assembly, which was read, and, with the accompanying bill, placed among the orders of the day:

ASSEMBLY HALL,

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 15, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly bill No. 7:

To be entitled an act to amend an act to Exempt Maimed Persons from Professional or Occupational Tax, approved February 14, 1870, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Mr. Barnes introduced the following joint resolution:

## JOINT RESOLUTION.

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the Judiciary Committees of the two houses be instructed to compile in a concise and systematic form the Constitution of the State as has been amended; and that 150 copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for distribution by the Secretary of State, as follows: One copy to each of the Supreme and Circuit Court Judges; one copy to each of the heads of the different departments; one copy to each of the County Judges; One copy to each of the State Attorneys, and one copy to each member of the Senate and Assembly.

Mr. Ferguson moved the rule be waived and the resolution adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Cottrell, on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they have examined and compared the enrollment of the act entitled an act to Provide for the Collection of State Taxes for the year 1876, with the engrossed bill, and that they find the same to be correctly enrolled.

J. L. F. COTTRELL.

Mr. Walls offered the following concurrent resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That no Senator or member of the Assembly shall absent himself or be excused unless by the unanimous consent of the Senate or Assembly, as the case may be.

Mr. Walls moved that the rule be waived and the resolution be adopted;

Upon the question of the rule being waived the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Hill, Long, Wallace and Walls—4.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—14.

So the Senate refused to waive the rule.

Mr. McCaskill moved the indefinite postponement of the resolution;

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ferguson, Hill, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—17.

Nays—Messrs. Wallace and Walls—2.

So the motion to postpone indefinitely was agreed to.

Mr. Wallace moved that the Senate resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the bill on appropriations;

Which was agreed to.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Cottrell in the chair.

Mr. Lykes moved that the committee rise and report progress.

Mr. Cottrell, chairman of the committee of the whole, made the following report:

Mr. Cottrell reports to the Senate that the committee of the whole, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1875, and for defraying the expenses of the State government for the year 1876, that the said committee, upon inquiry, found themselves not in possession of the bill, and, inquiring of the Secretary, he said it was not in his possession, and he does not know where it is. They ordered that fact to be reported to the Senate, and rose for that purpose, not being able to proceed without it.

Mr. Wallace moved that further consideration be postponed until 12 o'clock to-day;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walls presented an account in favor of W. G. Stewart;

Which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be sent to the printer, to see whether the bill on Appropriations can be found;

Which was agreed to.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Lykes introduced Senate bill No. 8:

To be entitled an act for the relief of William Hope and David Hope;

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Assembly bill No. 7 was taken up and read the first time by its title:

To amend an act to exempt maimed persons from professional or occupational tax, approved February 14, 1870;

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 15, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 4:

To be entitled an act regulating the fees of County Surveyors in this State, have examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WEEKS, Ch'n.

G. C. BRANTLEY.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, January 15, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL:

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 6:

For the relief of John B. Ross, have examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WEEKS, Ch'n.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 3:

To be entitled an act to permanently locate the county lines of Manatee and Monroe,

Was put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ferguson, Hill, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—17.

Nays—Mr. Walls—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled bill:

An act to provide for the collection of State taxes for the year 1876.

The Sergeant-at-arms returned to the bar of the Senate, and reported his inability to find the bill.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the chairman of the Committee

on Appropriations be instructed to draw up a copy of the original bill on Appropriations;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No. 3:

To be entitled an act regulating the fees of County Surveyors in the State,

Was read the third time, and put upon its passage as follows:

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Ferguson, Hills, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—16.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Lykes and Walls—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Walls moved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a new appropriation bill;

Which was not agreed to.

Senate bill No. 6:

To be entitled an act for the relief of John B. Ross,

Was taken up on its third reading.

Mr. Walls asked the unanimous consent of the Senate that the bill be amended on its third reading;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell moved the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Durkee, the Senate adjourned.

#### FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Cottrell, Durkee, Ferguson, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—19.

A quorum present.

Mr. Cottrell moved to grant leave of absence to the Messenger for three days;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Lykes offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the members of the Senate make and subscribe a protestation before Almighty God and this Honorable

Senate that "neither myself nor any other, to my knowledge, have taken away, or do, at this present time, conceal a bill to be entitled an act making Appropriations to Supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for the Year 1875, and for Defraying the Expenses of the State Government for the Year 1876."

Mr. Lykes moved its adoption.

Mr. Walls called for the yeas and nays;

Which were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ferguson, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—21.

Nays—Mr. Walls—1.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Lykes, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 15, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the matter of reporting Appropriation bill in lieu of Senate bill No. 2, which was lost, beg leave to report the accompanying bill as a transcript of the original manuscript bill.

H. T. LYKES, Chairman

Mr. Lykes moved that the accompanying bill be read by its title the first time;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the rule be waived and the bill be read a second time by its title;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the Senate go into Committee of the Whole on the bill;

Which was agreed to.

The President in the chair.

The following message was received from the Governor at the hands of his Private Secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 15, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I have this day signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State the following act, viz:

An act to provide for the Collection of State Taxes for the year 1876. Very respectfully,

GEO. F. DREW, Governor.

Which was read.

The Committee, through their Chairman, Mr. Cottrell, reported the following amendment :

I move to strike out \$300 for extra clerical work in the Comptroller's office ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lykes offered the following amendment :

Strike out in lieu of \$330.16 and insert \$200.

Mr. Cottrell moved to strike out the item, \$330.16.

Mr. Barnes moved to postpone any further consideration of the bill, and make it the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell, from the Joint Committee on Enrollment, made the following report :

That the Joint Committee on Enrollment, on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1876, presented to his Excellency Geo. F. Drew, Governor of the State of Florida, an act to provide for the Collection of State Taxes for the year 1876, for the approbation of his Excellency.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock ;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

#### SENATE CONFIRMATIONS.

C. A. Sheldon, to be Assessor of Madison county.

T. W. Faulkner, to be County Judge for Dade County.

Richard B. Potter, to be Clerk of Circuit Court for Dade county.

Adam C. Richard, to be Assessor and Collector of Dade county.

John T. Peacock, to be Sheriff of Dade county.

W. H. Sebring, to be County Judge for Levy county.

#### REMOVALS.

Seth Sterns, from the office of Assessor of Lafayette county.

W. H. Hunt, from the office of County Judge, Dade county.

Wm. H. Gleason, from the office of Clerk of Circuit Court, Dade County.

TUESDAY, January 16, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Durkee, Ferguson, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Walls—14.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Meacham moved that the reading of yesterday's Journal be dispensed with ;

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Governor at the hands of his Private Secretary.

Mr. Patterson offered the following resolution :

When the yeas and nays are called for, the name of the Senator moving the call shall appear on the Journals.

Mr. Meacham moved as an amendment that the constitutional number of three be made to appear on the Journal.

Mr. Patterson accepted the amendment, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee on Claims made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 16, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR : Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of L. C. Demilly, late Revenue Collector of Leon county, has considered the same ; and while we do not doubt the facts set forth in the petition, your committee deem it improper to establish a precedent for such claims, to which there would be no end, and feel that we have no right to appropriate the people's money to indemnify individual misfortunes ; therefore, we recommend that the prayer be not granted.

Respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON, Chm'n.

N. J. PATTERSON,

T. W. LONG,

A. B. OSGOOD,

WHITFIELD WALKER.

Which was read.

Mr. Ferguson offered the following preamble and resolution :  
WHEREAS, The deficiency and appropriation bill for 1875